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State revokes, suspends licenses, certifications, registrations of health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has revoked or suspended the licenses, certifications, or registrations of health care providers in our state. The department has also immediately suspended the credentials of people who have been prohibited from practicing in other states.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency's website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the <u>Department of Health home page</u> (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Benton County

In December 2010 the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Program suspended the credential of emergency medical technician **Sarah C. Tomlinson** (ES01173744). While off duty, Tomlinson didn't call for assistance when a patient suffered an allergic reaction after eating nuts. Instead, she attempted to start an IV and administer epinephrine to the patient from a vial she had in her possession.

Clallam County

In December 2010 the Office of Emergency Medical and Trauma Systems Program suspended the credential of emergency medical technician **Brandi Allen Field** (ES60042813). Field printed prescriptions for herself and then forged the signature of the authorizing physician to get multiple prescriptions for controlled substances.

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Grant County

In January 2011 the Pharmacy Board indefinitely suspended the credential of pharmacy assistant **Nickolas A. Aaltonen** (VB60088982). In 2009 Aaltonen was convicted of three counts of conspiracy possession with intent to manufacture or deliver a controlled substance; and two counts of conspiracy sale, delivery, or possession with intent to sell or deliver a legend drug.

King County

In December 2010 the Nursing Commission suspended the license of registered nurse **Karla A. Bigley** (RN00165892). Bigley failed to comply with a previous order.

In December 2010 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the license of licensed practical nurse **Shannon Elaine Fincher** (LP00044238). Fincher signed out oxycodone and hydrocodone for patients on multiple occasions and failed to fully document administration or wastage of the drugs.

In December 2010 the Nursing Commission suspended the license of registered nurse **Robin Lea Hale** (RN00124935). Hale didn't properly document the administration or wastage of two Hydrocodone pills, or she took the pills for her own use. She also was asked leave a place of employment because it appeared she was intoxicated.

In December 2010 the Health Care Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of **Daniel V. Norman** (HC60035363). His nursing assistant certification was indefinitely suspended in March 2010.

In January 2011 the Nursing Assistant and Health Care Assistant Programs took action against the credentials of **Christina M. Strick** (NA00178285, HC00148253). Her nursing assistant credential was suspended. Her health care assistant credential was revoked. Strick stole at least seven blank prescriptions from her previous place of employment. She forged the prescriptions for Percocet, and filled them for her own use.

In December 2010 the Mental Health Counselor Program modified an order against the credential of **David E. Weed** (LH00008760). His credential is suspended and he must comply with terms and conditions.

Pierce County

In December 2010 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the license of licensed practical nurse **Frances L. Mackey** (LP00012606). Mackey failed to comply with a previous agreement.

In December 2010 the Dental Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of **Stacy Lynn Martin** (D160102560). Martin failed to comply with a previous agreement.

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In January 2011 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the licenses of licensed practical nurse and registered nurse **Christian F. Taylor** (LP00037121, RN00114631). Taylor failed to comply with a previous order.

Skagit County

In December 2010 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the license of registered nurse **David S. Fish** (RN00095793). Fish failed to comply with a previous order.

Snohomish County

In December 2010 the Massage Program withdrew the statement of charges against **Jaye L. Jacola** (MA00010258).

In November 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Amanda D. Martin** (NC10083942). Martin diverted and ingested large amounts of medications intended for patients at the facility where she worked.

In January 2011 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the license of registered nurse **Sharon J. Stanley** (RN00106813). Stanley failed to comply with a previous order.

Spokane County

In December 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program indefinitely suspended the credential of chemical dependency professional trainee **Phillip Warren Jarrell** (CO60158093). Jarrell failed to comply with a previous agreement.

Thurston County

In December 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of **Rhonda D. Alfred** (NA60088867). Alfred was convicted of two counts of first degree trafficking in stolen property and one count of first degree identity theft in June 2010. She was also convicted of one count of first degree identity theft, one count of first degree trafficking in stolen property 2010, and one count of second degree identity theft in July 2010.

In December 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Dean L. Jensen** (NC60012915). Jensen's registered nursing assistant credential was suspended in July 2010.

In December 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the license of certified nursing assistant **Leandra Marie Lynch** (NC60135021). Lynch failed to comply with a previous agreement.

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Whatcom County

In December 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Sonja D. Nadeau** (NC10076199). Nadeau worked as a nursing assistant in a patient's home after her credential expired. She also consumed alcohol and was intoxicated while working there. In 2006 Nadeau entered into deferred prosecution for the charge of driving under the influence, which was later revoked. She was also convicted of one count of driving under the influence and one count of no ignition interlock in 2010.

Yakima County

In December 2010 the Psychology Board suspended the license of **Robert M. Newell** (PY00002931). Newell failed to respond to department inquiries regarding a complaint received about him engaging in unprofessional conduct.

In December 2010 the Secretary of Health suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Charleah Lynn Ruland** (NC10015509). Ruland was convicted of fourth degree assault with sexual motivation in 2010.

Out of State

Oregon: In December 2010 the Nursing Commission summarily suspended the license of registered nurse **Ann M. Harding** (RN00055230). Harding surrendered her license to practice nursing in Oregon; she remains prohibited from practicing in that state.

Oregon: In December 2010 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the license of licensed practical nurse **Lana Marie Leveque** (LP00044588). Leveque failed to comply with a previous order.

Oregon: In December 2010 the Pharmacy Board granted the pharmacist application, and then immediately suspended the license of **Jeffrey Donald Williams** (PH60144782). Williams's application to practice as a pharmacist in Oregon was denied.

Idaho: In December 2010 the Secretary of Health denied the reactivation application of registered nursing assistant **Melissa A. Freand** (NA00048584). Freand's license to practice as a nursing assistant in Arizona was revoked.

Idaho: In December 2010 the Nursing Commission summarily suspended the license of registered nurse **Tracie L. Ryle** (RN00171777). Ryle's license to practice nursing in Idaho was revoked; she remains prohibited from practicing in that state.

Illinois: In December 2010 the Nursing Commission suspended the license of registered nurse **Briggette Grey** (RN60003583). Grey's license to practice nursing in Kansas was suspended.

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